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APPLICATION OF LITTLE PARK WATER COMPANY, INC., AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR AUTHORITY TO INCUR LONG-TERM DEBT FROM JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.

DOCKET NO. W-02192A-10-

#### FINANCING APPLICATION

#### LITTLE PARK WATER COMPANY, INC.

- 1. <u>Introduction</u>. As more fully set forth below, Little Park Water Company, Inc ("Little Park" or the "Company") hereby applies in accordance with A.R.S. § 40-301 *et. seq.*, for authority to be obligated for up to \$140,000 in debt not previously approved by the Commission.
- 2. <u>Supporting Exhibits</u>. As more fully discussed below, Little Park provides the following exhibits in support of its application:

  Arizona Corporation Commission
  - Exhibit A Ineligibility Letter from WIFA.
  - Exhibit B Project Cost.
  - Exhibit C Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2010.
  - Exhibit D Income Statement from August 2009 through July 2010.
  - Exhibit E Financial Ratios.
  - **Exhibit F** Certificate of Resolution.
  - **Exhibit G** Form of Public Notice.
- 3. <u>Company Description</u>. Little Park is a public service corporation engaged in providing water services in Yavapai County pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Arizona Corporation Commission (the "Commission") to Little Park. Little Park presently provides utility service to 72 water customers.

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- 4. **Principal Office**. Little Park's principal business office is located at 45 Castle Rock Road, Suite 4, Sedona, AZ 86351, and its telephone number is 928-284-1133.
- 5. <u>Authorized Representative</u>. The person authorized to receive notices and communications regarding this application is:

Stevan Gudovic President Little Park Water Company 45 Castle Rock Rd., Ste. 4 Sedona, AZ 86351 Telephone: (928) 284-1133

Facsimile: (928) 284-1974 sgudovic@bigparkwater.com

Please direct all discovery, data requests, and other requests for information concerning this Application to Mr. Gudovic, with a copy to undersigned counsel for Little Park.

- 6. <u>Description of Lender</u>. The JPMorgan Chase & Co. ("Chase") is a financial institution in the State of Arizona and is willing to refinance the debt of Little Park for construction of Arsenic Treatment Facilities.
- 7. **Purpose of Borrowing**. The purpose of this application is to request approval to borrow \$140,000 in new long-term debt from Chase to refund short-term debt used to construct Arsenic Treatment Facilities for Little Park's two treated wells (Well Nos. 1 and 2). These facilities were funded by equity, a bridge loan from Big Park Water Company ("Big Park"), and through Arsenic Impact Hook-up Fees previously approved by the Commission.
- 8. **Background**. On May 24, 2007, Little Park filed with the Commission an Application for Extension of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide water utility service in Yavapai County, Arizona, to two new customers: Verde Valley School and Camp Soaring Eagle. On March 20, 2008, the Commission issued an Order Preliminary to Little Park for extension of its CC&N area. The Order Preliminary required Little Park to construct the Arsenic Treatment Facilities for Little Park's two existing wells by June 30, 2009.

On June 3, 2008, the Commission approved a Line Extension Agreement ("LXA") between Little Park and Camp Soaring Eagle. Among many other things, the Commission

approved an Arsenic Hook-up Fee to be paid by Camp Soaring Eagle to Little Park in the amount of \$234,300. In 2009, Little Park renegotiated the LXA with Camp Soaring Eagle to reduce the Arsenic Hook-up Fee to \$118,800 instead of the original agreed price of \$234,300, as provided in the Addendum to the LXA dated March 18, 2009. On June 23, 2009, in Decision No. 71172 the Commission approved the Addendum. The Order required Camp Soaring Eagle to pay \$118,800 to Little Park by July 30, 2009, as their portion of the payment for arsenic treatment facilities to serve the Camp.

On April 3, 2008, the Commission approved Little Park's LXA with the Verde Valley School, including an Arsenic Hook-up Fee of \$68,000, which has been paid. With these funds, together with a bridge loan from Big Park, Little Park was able to finance construction of the required arsenic-treatment facilities, which were completed in March 2009.

Little Park expected to repay the bridge loan when it received the Arsenic Hook-up Fee from Camp Soaring Eagle. Unfortunately, despite its diligent efforts, Little Park has been unable to collect any funds from Camp Soaring Eagle. It is our understanding that the Camp Soaring Eagle project has now been cancelled.

Because Camp Soaring Eagle did not fulfill its obligation under the LXA, Little Park cannot repay its loan from Big Park. To obtain funds to repay the loan, Little Park filed an application on August 19, 2010, with the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority ("WIFA") for a loan. WIFA responded that it cannot finance existing projects for investor owned water systems (**Exhibit A**). The only other alternative available was for Little Park to secure a commercial loan.

9. **Project Cost. Exhibit B** is a summary of Little Park's project costs for the Arsenic Treatment Facilities. Total project costs were \$267,091.11. Including the payment from Verde Valley School, total hook-up fees collected equal \$85,853.42. Little Park will fund \$41,237.69 of the project costs with owner's equity. This leaves \$140,000 to be financed by Chase.

- 10. **Proposed Interest Rate**. Little Park expects to borrow these funds from Chase at a rate of between 4% and 7%.
- 11. **Financing Term**. Little Park expects that the financing term will be seven years with a 20-year amortization, with balloon payment at the end of the seventh year, and with the right to renew the loan.
  - 12. **Debt Security**. The proposed debt will be secured.
- 13. **Financing Costs**. There are no expected financing costs or issuance expenses. No person is expected to receive any fees as a result of this transaction.
- 14. <u>Other Borrowing Terms</u>. Little Park will file a copy with Commission of all executed documents associated with the authorized financing.
- 15. **Financial Statements**. **Exhibit C** is a copy of Little Park's balance sheet as of July 31, 2010. **Exhibit D** is a copy of Little Park's income statement from August 2009 through July 2010.
- 16. **DSC and TIER**. **Exhibit E** derives Little Park's Debt Service Coverage Ratio ("DSC") and its Times Interest Earned Ratio ("TIER"). As of July 2010, Little Park's DSC was 1.03 and TIER were -8.73 (Earnings before interest and taxes was \$-21,281, interest was \$2,437 and depreciation and amortization expense was \$23,781). Exhibit E also includes *pro forma* calculations of DSC and TIER as of July 2010. After giving effect to the recent rate increase authorized by Decision No. 71840, and at an assumed interest rate of 7%, Little Park's DSC would be 1.28 and TIER would be -0.73 (Earnings before interest and taxes would be -\$7,048, interest would be \$9,694, and depreciation and amortization expense would be \$23,781). At an assumed interest rate of 4%, Little Park's DSC would be 1.64 and TIER would be -1.28 (Earnings before interest and taxes would be \$5,515, and depreciation and amortization expense would be \$5,515, and depreciation and amortization expense would be \$23,781).

Based on these ratios, Little Park should be able to adequately cover its expected debt payments from operating cash flow until future rate cases allow the aforementioned investment to be fully includeded in rate base. In addition, Big Park expects to reinstate its Arsenic Impact

Hook-up Fee, which will generate additional funds to repay principal and interest of the loan. The amount of these funds on the annual basis is impossible to predict at this point of time because it will depend on the recovery of the Yavapai County real estate market.

- 17. <u>Corporate Powers</u>. Exhibit F is a copy of a certificate of resolution by Little Park's stockholders authorizing the proposed borrowing.
- 18. <u>Compliance</u>. The purpose of the Chase borrowing was to meet new EPA arsenic requirements and to allow Little Park to comply with a Notice of Violation from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality concerning arsenic levels at Wells No. 1 and 2. As of March 2009, both wells are equipped with arsenic treatment facilities. Little Park currently has no outstanding compliance issues with the Commission, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, or the Arizona Department of Water Resources.
- 19. <u>Compatibility</u>. The proposed transaction is needed to refinance the construction cost of Arsenic Treatment Facilities. The new borrowing will be provided by Chase at competitive rates and net of any underwriting costs or fees. Therefore, the requested financing approval is compatible with
  - the public interest;
  - sound financial practices; and
  - the proper performance by Little Park of service as a public service corporation (and will not impair Little Park's ability to perform that service).
- 20. **Public Notice**. **Exhibit G** is a copy of the notice that Little Park intends to publish in a newspaper of general circulation in its service areas. Little Park will file proof of publication when it is available.
- 21. **Prompt Approval**. Because the long term debt is needed to refinance Arsenic Treatment Facilities, Little Park requests prompt approval of this financing application.
- 22. **Requested Relief.** As more fully set forth in this Application, Little Park asks that the Commission approve its request under A.R.S. § 40-301 *et. seq* to incur up to \$140,000 in new long-term debt.

Respectfully submitted on September 27, 2010 by:

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## Exhibit A



JANICE K. BREWER
Governor

### SANDRA SUTTON Interim Executive Director

### Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona BENJAMIN H. GRUMBLES Chairman

September 8, 2010

Nicholas Gudovic Little Park Water Company 45 Castle Rock Rd. #4 Sedona, AZ 86351

Dear Mr. Gudovic,

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) regrets to inform you that your application (DW-035-2011) to refinance a previous loan is not eligible for WIFA funding. As established in 40 Code of Federal Regulations § 35.3525(c)(1), "A state may buy or refinance local debt obligations of municipal, intermunicipal, or interstate agencies where the debt obligation was incurred and the project was initiated after July 1, 1993. Projects must have met the eligibility requirements under section 1452 of the Act and this subpart to be eligible for refinancing. Privately-owned systems are not eligible for refinancing."

The other expenses in your application for future capital improvements are eligible for WIFA financing if you choose to proceed with these projects. As discussed by phone, WIFA will retain your application in the e-application system unless otherwise notified.

Sincerely,

Sandra Sutton

Interim Executive Director

## Exhibit B

### Little Park Water Company **Arsenic Expenses**

Exist	ing
14/-11	41

Well #1	\$ 128,661.62
Well #2	\$ 135,897.82
Capitalize LOC Interest	\$ 2,531.67
Total Expenses Incurred	\$ 267,091.11
Collected per Tariff	\$ 85,853.42
Financed with Short Term Debt	\$ 181,237.69
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To be financed with Long Term Debt	\$ 140,000.00
To be Financed with Owner's Equity	\$ 41,237.69
	\$ 181,237.69

## Exhibit C

### Little Park Water Company Pro Forma\* Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2010

• ,	Jul 31, 10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
131-10 · Cash Chase Bank-LPW	4,394.76
Current Assets Checking/Savings 131-10 · Cash Chase Bank-LPW 131-70 · CB Arsenic Impact Fee Deposits  Total Checking/Savings  Accounts Receivable 11000 · Accounts Receivable  Total Accounts Receivable  Other Current Assets 141-00 · Accounts Receivable - Customers 162-50 · Prepaid Taxes  Total Other Current Assets  105-00 · Construction Work in Progress 105-81 · Well #1 Upgrade 105-78 · Camp Soaring Eagle 105-02 · CWIP · Well #2 Upgrade  Total 105-00 · Construction Work in Progress  300-00 · Plant in Service 348-00 · Francises 348-00 · Other Tangible Plant 320-00 · Water Treatment Equipment 339-00 · Other Plant & Misc Equipment 303-00 · Land and Land Rights 304-00 · Structures & Improvements 307-00 · Wells and Springs	237.15
Total Checking/Savings	4,631.91
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	8,889.28
Total Accounts Receivable	8,889.28
Other Current Assets	
141-00 · Accounts Receivable - Customers	5,740.11
162-50 · Prepaid Taxes	300.00
Total Other Current Assets	6,040.11
Total Current Assets	19,561.30
Fixed Assets	
105-00 · Construction Work in Progress	
105-81 · Well #1 Upgrade	11,276.96
105-78 ⋅ Camp Soaring Eagle	3,936.16
105-02 · CWIP - Well #2 Upgrade	17.98
Total 105-00 · Construction Work in Progress	15,231.10
300-00 · Plant in Service	
-	140.00
•	7,275.00
• •	264,559.00
	1,662.00
•	6,094.11
	27,249.00
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311-00 · Pumping Equipment	39,050.00
330-00 · Distribution Reserviors	20,898.00
331-00 · Trans & Distribution Mains 333-00 · Services	661,923.00
334-00 · Meters & Meter Installations	98,353.06
335-00 · Hydrants	32,908.00
Total 300-00 · Plant in Service	52,386.00 1,241,000.17
108-10 · Accumulated Depreciation	-261,905.00

	Jul 31, 10
Total Fixed Assets	994,326.27
Other Assets	
103-00 · Prop Future Use - Nemeth Well	5,645.31
121-01 · Plant Acquisition Adj	336.35
121-02 · CC&N Expansion	12,641.62
Total Other Assets	18,623.28
TOTAL ASSETS	1,032,510.85
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
231-00 · Accounts Payable	176.58
Total Accounts Payable	176.58
Other Current Liabilities	
251-00 · Short Term Bridge Loan from BPWC for Arsenic Remediation Expense	117,642.00
234-00 · Advances from BPW	31,148.73
235-00 · Customer Security Deposits	65.00
236-10 · Accrued Property Taxes	806.40
236-20 · Accrued Sales Tax - LPW	638.47
241-20 · AIAOC - Current	300.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	150,600.60
Total Current Liabilities	150,777.18
Long Term Liabilities	
252-00 · Advances in Aid of Construction	670,997.00
252-10 · Customer Meter Deposits	7,413.00
271-00 · Contributions in Aid of Constr.	
271-10 · CIAOC	71,482.55
271-20 · CIAOC - Arsenic Impact Fee	85,800.00
272-00 · Accum. Amort of CIAOC	-24,206.00
Total 271-00 · Contributions in Aid of Constr.	133,076.55
Total Long Term Liabilities	811,486.55
Total Liabilities	962,263.73
Equity	
201-00 · Common Stock	10,000.00
211-00 · Additional Paid In Capital	186,319.21
215-00 · Retained Earnings	-122,129.78
Net Income	-3,942.31

	Jul 31, 10
	70,247.12
	1,032,510.85

<sup>\*</sup> Balance Sheet reflects Little Park Water rate adjustment as approved by Commission to become affective August 1, 2010 in Decision #71840

**Total Equity** 

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 

## Exhibit D

### Little Park Water Company Pro Forma\* Profit & Loss

August 2009 through July 2010

	Aug '09 - Jul 10
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
461-00 · Metered Water Sales	
461-50 · Commercial Sales Tax	1,500.13
461-20 · Commercial Revenue	20,409.93
461-10 · Residential Water Sales	55,520.08
461-40 · Residential Sales Tax	4,080.73
461-70 · Sales Tax Expense	-5,580.85
Total 461-00 · Metered Water Sales	75,930.02
Total Income	75,930.02
Expense	
186-00 · Deferred Rate Case Expense	1,881.60
601-00 · Salaries & Wages	9,256.51
610-00 · Purchased Water	1,200.00
615-00 · Purchased Power	12,808.82
620-00 · Repairs & Maintenance	
620-05 · O&M Arsenic LPWC	4,980.24
620-00 · Repairs & Maintenance - Other	7,479.87
Total 620-00 · Repairs & Maintenance	12,460.11
621-00 · Office Supplies & Expense	
621-02 · Bank Service Charges	125.00
621-01 · Postage	691.39
621-03 · Merchant CC	454.00
621-00 · Office Supplies & Expense - Other	1,524.91
Total 621-00 · Office Supplies & Expense	2,795.30
630-00 · Outside Services	
630-10 · Engineering Services	4,898.25
630-20 · Accounting Services	2,733.00
630-30 · Legal Services	6,047.27
Total 630-00 · Outside Services	13,678.52
635-00 · Water Testing	840.27
657-00 · Insurance - General Liability	996.91
666-00 · Rate Case Expense	5,347.10
675-00 · Miscellaneous Expenses	0,077.10
675-04 · Billable Overhead	-36.49
675-01 · ACC Expense	126.00
675-12 · Other Expenses	94.02
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	Aug '09 - Jul 10
675-00 · Miscellaneous Expenses - Other	288.00
Total 675-00 · Miscellaneous Expenses	471.53
403-00 · Depreciation Expense	23,208.00
408-11 · Property Tax	538.31
Total Expense	85,482.98
Net Ordinary Income	-9,552.96
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
419-00 · Interest Income	4,665.03
421-10 · AFUDC	202.68
Total Other Income	4,867.71
Other Expense	
427-00 · Interest Expense	2,362.44
Total Other Expense	2,362.44
Net Other Income	2,505.27
Net Income	7,047.69

<sup>\*</sup> Profit & Loss reflects Little Park Water rate adjustment as approved by Commission to become affective August 1, 2010 in Decision #71840

## Exhibit E

		(A)¹ <u>7/31/2010</u>	<u>.</u>	(B)² Pro Forma	•	(C)³ Pro Forma	
1	Net Ordinary Income	(21,281)		(7,048)		(7,048)	
2	Depreciation & Amort.	23,781		23,781		23,781	
3	Income Tax Expense	-		-		-	
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5	Interest Expense	2,437		9,694		5,515	
6	Repayment of Principal	-		3,331		4,665	
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9	TIER						
10	(1+3) / (5)	(8.73)		(0.73)		(1.28)	
11 12	DSC						
13	(1+2+3) / (5+6)	1.03		1.20		4.64	
14	(11213) / (310)	1.05		1.28		1.64	
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18	Capital Structure						
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20	Short Term Debt	117,642	4%	3,331 4	1.6%	4,665	4 2.2%
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22	Long Term Debt	-	-	136,669	65.0%	135,335	64.4%
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24	Common Equity	45,936	95%	70,247	33.4%	70,247	33.4%
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26	Total Capital	163,578	100%	210,247	100%	210,247	100%
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29	Capital Structure (inclusive of AIAC and Net CIA)						
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31	Short Term Debt	117,642	12.2%	3,331 4	0.3%	4,665	4 0.5%
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33	Long Term Debt	-		136,669	13.5%	135,335	13.3%
34	Common Equity	45.026	4 70/	70.047			
35	Common Equity	45,936	4.7%	70,247	6.9%	70,247	6.9%
36 37	Advances in Aid of Construction ("AIAC")	670,997	60.397	670.007	66.30/	670.00=	CC 201
38	Advances in Aid of Construction ( AIAC )	670,997	69.3%	670,997	66.2%	670,997	66.2%
39	Contributions in Aid of Construction ("CIAC") <sup>5</sup>	133,077	13.8%	133,077	13.1%	133,077	12 10/
40	and a constitution of the f	133,077	13.0%	133,077	13.170	133,0//	13.1%
41 42	Total Capital (Inclusive of AIAC and CIAC)	967,652	100%	1,014,321	100%	1,014,321	100%

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Column (A) is based on the Company's Financial Statements for the 12 month period ending July 31, 2010

<sup>48</sup> Column (B) is Column (A) modified to reflect issuance of the proposed \$140,000 debt financing amortized for 20 years at 7%

<sup>49</sup> as well as the rate adjustment as approved by the Commission to become affective August 1, 2010 in Decision 71840.

 $<sup>^3</sup>$ Column (C) is Column (A) modified to reflect issuance of the proposed \$140,000 debt financing amortized for 20 years at 4%

as well as the rate adjustment as approved by the Commission to become affective August 1, 2010 in Decision 71840.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Pro Forma Short-term Debt Represents the annual principal portion of the proposed loan

<sup>55</sup> Net CIAC balance (i.e. less: amortization of contributions).

# Exhibit F

**Borrowing Resolution of Little Park Water Company** 

Date: 9/27/10

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the undersigned stockholders of Little Park Water Company, an Arizona

Corporation ("Company") duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona,

hereby adopt the following Resolution and certify that the same have not been altered,

amended or revoked.

RESOLVED THAT Company is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a loan

transaction with JPMorgan Chase & Co. ("Lender") and borrow pursuant thereto, on behalf of,

and in the name of, Company from Lender such sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate

at any one time the principal sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000).

RESOLVED FURTHER, that for action of the Lender in reliance thereon, the Company certifies

and delivers to the said Lender a copy of these Resolutions, and that these Resolutions shall

remain in full force and effect until written notice of their repeal shall have been received by

Lender and until all indebtedness which may have been incurred as aforesaid shall have been

paid and satisfied.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that the authority conferred is not inconsistent with the Laws of the

State of Arizona or the Company's Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the stockholders of Company have hereunto set their hands officially

this 2 day of SEptenbe 2010.

Stevan S. Gudovic

For Big Park Water Company as a parent Company

Mary Lynn Gudovic

For Big Park Water Company as a parent Company

## Exhibit G

#### Public Notice of An Application for an Order

Authorizing the issuance of \$140,000 long term debt by Little Park Water Company ("LPWC").

LPWC ("Company") filed an Application on September \_\_\_\_, 2010 with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an order authorizing Applicant to issue \$140,000 of long term debt in order to finance the construction of water system facilities. The Application is available for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of the Commission in Phoenix, Arizona and the Company's offices at 45 Castle Rock Road, #4, Sedona, Arizona 86351. The Application has been assigned Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Intervention in the Commission's proceedings on the Application shall be permitted to any person entitled by law to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in this matter. Persons desiring to intervene must file a Motion to Intervene with the Commission which must be served upon the Company and which, at a minimum, shall contain the following information:

- 1. The name, address and telephone number of the proposed intervener and of any person upon whom service of documents is to be made if different than the intervener.
- 2. A short statement of the proposed intervener's interest in the proceeding.
- 3. Whether the proposed intervener desires a formal evidentiary hearing on the application and the reasons for such a hearing.
- 4. A statement certifying that a copy of the Motion to Intervene has been mailed to Applicant.

The granting of Motions to Intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R-14-3-105, except that all Motions to Intervene must be filed on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day after this notice.